

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 have been amended to recite a method of suppressing toxicity induced by a cancer chemotherapeutic agent. Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice. The amendments are fully supported by the originally filed specification (e.g., page 7, line 29 to page 8, line 18; Examples). No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 102 & 103

As amended, independent claim 1 recites a method of suppressing toxicity induced by a cancer chemotherapeutic agent, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of xanthorrhizol.

Nothing in the cited references teaches and suggests that xanthorrhizol can be used to suppress toxicity induced by a cancer chemotherapeutic agent.

Accordingly, the rejections of claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 should be withdrawn.

For at least the above reasons, Applicants believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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